

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method are provided for ensuring the availability of a storage system. The method, for example, includes the steps of providing a first iSCSI controller having a first network address for processing an I/O request sent to the first network address, providing a second iSCSI controller having a second network address for processing an I/O request sent to the second network address, sensing the failure of the first controller, and arranging for the second controller to assume control of the first network address to receive the I/O request sent to the first address.

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